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By a recent mail from the Philippines Q. H. Berry received the following interesting letter on the war in China from M. O. Martin. Young Martin was in Honolulu during the stay of the volunteers here early in the Philippine war. He was taken periously III, and was cared for and nursed back to boulds at Mr. Horry's home.

The story he gives of the China trouble is from the view point of a sol-

Boxers there.

for a piece of tobacco.

Japanese The Japanese are a

Fine small propie, who are Soldiers about 5 feet 6 inches tall.

their bealth at all times.

many of the Americans.

They would share their last meal

with any of us, and always had their

American soldier was always a wel-

come guest in their camps and was

In the desperate fighting at Tientain,

when the allies were beaten back and

the 9th U. S. Infantry lost so many

men, the Japanese fought their way up

to the very walls of the city, but were

forced back by overwhelming num-

bers of Boxers upon the walls, carry-

treated to the best they had,

would make a great bonfire of these

been in the States where I remained for one million of them have perished, shot the Boxer dead and, cushing furnipe months. When I got home, I Men. women and children alike have word in the face of 10,000 bullets, he found that my only sister had died two perished. No mercy has been given to picked up the wounded Japanese and weeks previous and my brother-in-raw any. was preparing to sail for Europe. This The Russians have killed every hu- ness General saw this set of daring jeft me alone in the world.

U. S. Artillery, and soldlered in San But if the nilles have been cruel, the peror of Japan. That same night when Francisco until the trouble in China Poxers have been more cruel still, as it was found necessary to blow up one Leaving San Francisco in July, we tive Christians in the most flendish ture the place, a Japanese soldier volsailed for Take by way of Nagasaki manner. through the inland sea of Japan, which s the most beautiful scenery I ever beheld. All the way through, land could be seen on both sides and some were according one day near Pao Ting places the channel was so narrow that Pu when they came upon some Boxers the largest ocean steamers could scarce- tourturing two white women whom ly get through. Beautiful villages and they rescued, but not before they had Office hours; 8 to 10 c. m.; 1 to 2 towns nestled in every nook. Cattle had their eyes gouged out and ears and and sheep grazed on the hill sides and noses cut off. One of these ladies died all the valleys were covered with the and the other would be better off dead. sea plant. Picturesque mud houses were stack on the hill sides each sur- different gods and images of worship. rounded with a garden of roses in Great black faced wooden gods before which one caught a glimpse of children whom they prostrate themselves and at play. Now and then a train was seen speeding away in the distance. The whole surface of the water was covered with the white sails of fishing smacks and apon on some promoptory that strutted forth into the water, stood a magnificent fortress whose great guns frowned down upon us as we sped by. while upon nearly every rock that reared its head above the water a light DR. ALBERT E. NICHOLS night to warn all mariners that "Davy Peking. Jones" awaited all who came too near.

But our good ship-the Hancockcarried us safely through and we dropped anchor at Taku on the morning of

From where we anchored no land could be seen, but the whole surface of the water was covered with transports, great battleships, powerful cruisers, and torpedo boat destroyers, floating flags of nearly all the nations of the earth. It was the largest gathering of warships that I have ever seen or expect to see again. I should say that there were 150 of them floating fortreases ready to deal death and destruction to their common enemy-the Chi-The next day a small steamer-the

ashore some ten miles distant. We entered the Pelho river and sailing past the three great forts at Taku over which floated the flags of England, Japan and Russin, we steamed up to cured one piece of jade three inches Tongkee, landed for the first, and I square and one inch thick, and I am sincerely hope, for the last time in Chi- told by those who know its value that na. Remaining in Tongkee over night and pulled our for Tientsin which place we reached after a two hours' run.

as level as this sheet of paper. This aggerate and am telling you the plain great plain is 150 miles wide and ex- truth when I say that I have seen sol tends north and south for 1200 miles, diers wantonly set fire to whole bales of earth, some of which are 100 feet dollars. high while others are very small, being I will say this much for the Amerigraves of the dead. The Chinese worgrandfather is worshipped most, hence was severely punished. Most of the emains. From what I saw of China I England's Indian troops should say that the whole country is one vast cemetery, and I don't know where they are going to bury the rest

Destruction Tientain we found to be a great city of over Tientsin one million people. The and weigh from 115 to 140 pounds. city has been almost destroyed by fire Their uniform is blue and white, and and by the artillery of the allies. The they always wear a cap to match their city is divided into two parts, the wall. uniform in color. They are a very jolly ed city and th enew or European city. army of soldiers, always neat and clean. Manufacturers of Doors, Sashes and Frames, Blinds, Mouldings, Brackets, and All Kinds of Wood Work, Finish Turning Etc., Etc. fire from the Boxers which was very death with such dauntless courage and poor and ineffective. The old city was surrounded by three great walls which throw away their arms and flee before were built 1200 years ago. In most places these walls have begun to crum- and know their business. They treat ble away and the artillery of the allies made great breaches in them when they captured the place.

Many of the streets in this part of the ity were so narrow that only foot passengers are able to get through, hence when that heroic Japanese soldier, on the night of the 19th of June, blew up the west gate of the city and the Japanese rushed in, they fired up and down those narrow streets killing hun- own soldiers, picked up our wounded ireds of the retreating Boxers, and and dying, and thus saved the lives of hundreds more perished in the ruins of their own homes, and even while we were there one by digging in the ruins found hundreds of bodies under the

The slaughter among the Chinese has

E=Z to take E-Z way to cure a head-

ing their dead and wounded with them who was left lying where he had fails en to the scali. A Boxer started down to explore the man, when a soldier of the 9th U. S. infantry saw the Boxer shoot to can him through with his Since you lost heard from me. I have | been something awful. I suppose over spear. Rolsing his gan quickly, he carried him to safety. A great Japaman being they have come across, and sought out this soldier, learned his United States was no good and that I drifted back to San Francisco and I am afraid that the other powers, in name and soon afterward he received enlisted again in Battery A of the 3d many instances have done the same. a beautiful gold medal from the Emwhen we were ordered there in haste, they have tortured foreigners and na. of the gates of the city in order to capunteered to blow it open with gun cotton. Creeping forward under cover of Tortured I saw some of their by deviltry while I was darkness, he reached the gate, ignited

> perished and the city was taken. The Japanese loved us Americans. for they said the Americans never turned their backs to the enemy, but plways rushed forward to victory or I visited the joss houses and saw the Americans all loved them for the same wore a dark blue uniform, short-top- who had starved to death. And yet qualities they ascribed to us. Such are ped boots and a helmet surmounted by this is a land of pienty. Corn. wheat

atoms and was blown into atoms him-

self. But his death was avenged, for

to whom they pray. If I had my way I diers I have ever seen. Russians The Russians—Peste!
Were I can see and smell them
Cowardly still in their filthy white gods and purge the earth of all who worship such. Many of the joss houses had been looted and the gods destroyed uniforms and their great, lubbery by the soldiers, and there were soldiers boots: their faces and hands encased guarding all of them and no Chinese in an inch of dirt, and their shaggy were allowed to enter them. Perhaps beard and hair reeking with lice. in all history of wars and conquests Their beastly, hoggish faces leer at me and pleasing address. Many of them sold for 50c per 100 pounds, and fruits, house attod a revolving globe of fire at looting as has taken place here and in never be found on the firing line, but there has never been such wholesale after the fighting was over they would Those great cities, the go into the houses and rape and muroldest, largest and rich- der the helpless women and children. Plunder est of this great empire. I have seen them cut off the heads and completely despoiled of all their vast shoot men, women and children moretreasures of art. Private houses, stores, by for the gratification of their beastly and spent many pleasant hours in their Pieho river and seen bloating, burstchurches and colleges have all been appetites. They would catch up a lot society. They must have been the ing bodies floating out to the ocean.

> queen to marvel, trampled in the mud; bodies into the Peiho. velvets as rich as those worn by 10h-The officers treated the men like gland's queen thrown into the streets; dogs. I have seen a Russian officer robes of fur that would rival those of kick and cuff one of his men and strike the Russian capital barteted among him in the face with his sword for no the soldiers; delicate Chinaware bro- cause whatever. They had no food fit foreign or Indian soldiers and a regi- and even now I see that seething mass ken to pieces and costly jewelry traded to eat and no sanitary rules, hence they ment of Chinese soldiers from Hong- of humanity fighting for the crust died by the score, while other soldiers Expeditions were sent out through around them were healthy.

the country to loot the farms. I saw fortune, we're broken into atoms remind one of the "Yahoos" described they dexteriously wound around their through ignorance of its value. I see by Gulliver in his book of travels.

we took the train early the next day \$750 for it. I bought a bolt of silk They are thoroughly disciplined; in able to run away.

ship their dead, and the aged deceased an American was caught looting he ing with self-esteem. They imagined This leads me to speak of the different armies of the world. I will deblackened eyes and less self-esteem. scribe them to you just as I saw them.

does his own cooking, and I suppose that I was in China four or five of them would be carted away to the centery, they all had plenty of money. They while there was no sickness at all thought well of us and spent money among us. They were great drinkers— freely treating us. but if any of us hapalways drunk and disorderly, hence pened to touch any of their food they this might account for so much sick- would throw it away, as they look upon

Bonsters down the leg of their, sel and with the same water. undinching bravery that the Boxers trousers, like a Corporal in the U. S. them. Their officers are splendid men the men kindly, see that they have eat hot cakes. plenty to eat and wear, and look after

Their hosiptal corps is far superior done it all, when the fact is they have wore the Victoria Cross, and they all to our own, as was clearly proven on done nothing at all, as they never could wanted to go home and see their grand be induced to fight the Boxers. But old Queen, as they had been absent many Americans were wounded and axhausted. Our hospital corps was at the "double time" to loot the living after every fight they always came up twelve years, and the dead. They, in addition to caring for their

felt the same way toward them. Whenever a French and American soldier the Frenchman always went away looking as if a cyclone had struck him. caps full of cigarettes, which they would friendly divide with us, and an

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one French soldier could whip ten Americans. Before I got through with him I made him say that it would take about in swinging chairs, as their feet

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with war balloons and Marconi's wire- ing robes of allk and each surrounded less telegraphy. Every day they sent by a retinue of slaves. Then, again, up huge balloons carrying two men to saw poor coolies with not clothing at survey the country for Boxers, but all beggins in the streets bideous their experiments never amounted to lopers everywhere asking for aims and the explosive and blew the gate into anything, for while they were experithe allies went in and 10,000 Boxers the yellow-skinned, pig-tailed fanatics the selection of the control of the period of the p off the earth.

Ware Fine Lot death, as all soldiers should. We of soldiers I have ever seen. They in the streets of Tientsin and Pekin the Japanese—the finest army of sol. a tall ostrich plume, and to see them rice and vegetables and fruits grow ing in the sun and their tall plumes quality. But as the poor coolies had get. Cowardly to the core, they would were well educated and spoke English the like of which I have never seen duently.

we were located where we could ob- mule belonging to the armies died, the serve them, as 2,000 of them were quar- coolies would pounce upon the carcase tered just across the street from us. and eat it ravenously. Time after time We Americans liked them very much I had stood on the banks of the muddy plundered. I have seen silken fabrics of coolies, work them all day and shoot picked troops of all Italy. They were Such is China-a land of vice and that would cause a Parisian society them at night, and then dump their very popular here and well thought of crime! I never want to go there again. by all the nations.

> kong. They have everything that an thrown into the gutter. army could possibly want for ease and If all the burns of the earth were comfort. The Indian troops—or Sinks, our stay in China came to an end on

They all wore huge whiskers that reofter their officers are

Americans, who gave them a few les- would dig up the dead and carry away sons in the manly art, ofter which they the rich silken shrouds of the dead. came away with broken noses and They would even steal money and jewelry from one pocket of their companthat is the reason why so many of them their way into the army. They make sickened and died here. Every day their money by looting and bartering.

There were 10,000 of them here and all not of their faith as heathens. Yet and do guard duty every fourth day. The French had a dark they would bathe in a vessel of water uniform with a red stripe and then boil their rice in the same ves-

There was one regiment-the Welsh Artillery, and a cork helmet. They Fusilers-who came here from South were a drinking and disorderly army of Africa, but soon afterward returned to men and died here as fast as I could Hongkong. They were the finest-dressed and equipped regiment I have ever They are the greatest boasters I ever seen and braver soldiers than they local Rugby football field yesterday saw, and to hear them tell it they have never faced an enemy. Some of them afternoon. The game was fast and

The American soldier American They hated us Americans, and we all Reputation allies as the best soldier in the world. For courage and endurance all the commanders of the allies met, there was sure to be a fight, and acknowledge this superiority. In the fighting in China the Americans dis-The only personal encounter I ever to elicit the highest praise from all the played such courage and endurance as had was in Pekin one night with a great foreign commanders. As for intelligence and the ability of taking care of himself, he stands bead and shoulders above all the others. I am proud of being an American.

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1 was up in Pekin three times and went all through that great sity The city is entirely circled by four massive walls, one inside the other and some 500 sards diction from each other These walls are 70 fost thick and 60 feet high and as hard as adamant, and all the artillery in the world could not fave them.

I promenaded up and down Legation street and entered the compound where the Europeans held out so long against the Boxers. I met and shook hands with Minister Conger and Mrs. Conger saw the great Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the friend of Western civilization.

I saw the large, handsome and beautifully robed Manchurian women promenading on the streets, and the beautiful ladies of Phichili carrier ten Frenchmen to lick one Americano. are too small for them to walk. I saw They were always experimenting pumpous Mandarins dressed in flow-

I saw lean, hungry parents offering to barter their children for chow chow There were 10,000 Ital- Everywhere, on all sides and at all ian soldiers here, and times the waiting cry, "Chow Chow" they were the finest lot could be heard. I saw dead Chinese marching along, their bayonets gleam- here in abundance and of the finest waving in the breeze, made an impos- no money they had nothing to eat but ing spectacle. They were brave in bat- grass-hoppers, which they fried in tle and never known to do any grease, and often I have seen them looting. They were the most orderly eaten alive. Eggs were worth 50c per and best-behaved troops here. They 100, and chickens \$1 per dozen. Sweet were all young men of fine appearance potatoes grew as large as a bucket and were worth but a trifle, but the poor I never saw one of them drunk, and coolies never had any. If a horse or

Never again do I want to see the The English are the misery and squalor that exists there. best-equipped army of The picture of the terrible conditions Equipped soldiers in the world. In that great empire of riot and blood-Nearly all the English troops here were shed will never fade out of my mind. But all things have an ending, hence

bundreds of silver shoes worth \$50, boiled in a huge caldron, the skim- as they were called wore white uni- the lat of November, when we got on sold for a bottle of poison whisky, mings therefrom would make better forms and a cap made out of a strip of lighters and floated down the crooked. Large chunks of beautiful jade worth a men than the Russian soldier. They cloth about twenty yards long, which muddy Pelho to Fongku, passing ruined towns and deserted homes and many heads in such a manner that it tapered a gruesome corpse floating in the The German army is up to a peak. Their trousers were very river. We finally reached the transport certainly a splendid or- baggy; in fact, they were large Sumner and sailed away for Nagasaki, Army certainly a splendid or baggy; in fact, they were large splendid ganization. They are enough for twenty men, and their which place we reached on November which place we reached on November with and learned that Mr. McKinley it is worth \$1,000. I have been offered well armed, well fed and well clothed. blouses were built in the same manner. 8th. and learned that Mr. McKinley had been re-elected. We soon sailed from a Russian soldier in Pekin for fact, there is too much discipline, as minds one of Patriarchial days, and away for Manila, and on the way we \$10 and sold it ten minutes later to a their maneuvering is too much like each one carried, besides his gun, a ran into a fierce typhoon that tossed us The whole country is one vast plain German captain for \$175. I do not ex- a machine. If they should lose their long, sharp lance that had a poisoned about at its mercy for twenty-four leaders they would be like sheep-li- head, and with the throwing of which hours. Huge green waves rushed upon they are experts. They have Indian us. and the whole ship was drenched They have a handsome uniform of coolies to do all their work, even to with tons and tons of water. Someand it is literally covered with mounds of silk and furs worth thousands of blue and gray, wear large boots and a cleaning their fighting implements, for times we werestanding on our heads. helmet all covered with brass. There they consider it a disgrace to work, and all of us thought that "Davy were about 30,000 of them here, all In battle they are brave if their white Jones" would get us, but our good ship Fort Street only two feet high. These mounds are cans—they did very little looting, as strapping young fellows from 18 to 21 officers go in the lead, but no good rode out the storm and we got to Manual of the control of the dead. The Chinese was our General Chaffee forbade it, and if years of age, and all of them overflow after their officers are killed. They are the worst thieves and loot- vember. We stayed in Manila four days themselves to be the whole cheese un- ers I have ever seen and the most and then came to Binan, and here we he has the largest mound built over his looting was done by the Russians and til they ran amuck some English and scheming traders in the world. They are still anchored in this beautiful city de Bay Lala, where the palm ever waves, the birds ever sing, soft breezes ever blow and the hum of insects waft Each soldier in the German army ion's trousers and place it in another, their sweet notes on the wings of They soldier for no pay, and even buy darkness to full us to quiet slumber. There is little or no fighting here now. Sometimes we go out in the night and capture a few Gugoos and some rifles. but that is all. The natives are fast acquiescing to American rule, and soon there will be no more fighting here at all. We are having easy times here now, as we do not drill, do not fatigue,

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the locals.

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